

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

RICKEY JEFFERSON 2<sup>ND</sup>,

Plaintiff,

v.

KEITH DICKINSON,

Defendant.

No. 4:22-CV-1961

(Chief Judge Brann)

(Magistrate Judge Carlson)

**ORDER**

**JANUARY 28, 2025**

Plaintiff filed the instant action in December 2022, and it was jointly assigned to the undersigned and to a magistrate judge.<sup>1</sup> Upon designation, a magistrate judge may “conduct hearings, including evidentiary hearings, and . . . submit to a judge of the court proposed findings of fact and recommendations.”<sup>2</sup> Once filed, this report and recommendation is disseminated to the parties in the case who then have the opportunity to file written objections.<sup>3</sup>

In September 2024, Defendant Keith Dickson filed a motion for summary judgment.<sup>4</sup> In December 2024, Plaintiff sent a letter to this court which reads: “I ask that the court dismiss my case cause Im no longer able to litigate this case on my own cause I dont have the legal knowledge to respond to the summary judgment

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<sup>1</sup> Complaint, Doc. 1.

<sup>2</sup> 28 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)(B).

<sup>3</sup> 28 U.S.C. 636(b)(1).

<sup>4</sup> Motion for Summary Judgment, Doc. 48.

motion that is currently pending.”<sup>5</sup> Magistrate Judge Martin C. Carlson, to whom this matter is jointly assigned, issued a report and recommendation recommending that the letter be deemed a motion to voluntarily dismiss the case, that the motion should be granted, and that the case should be dismissed.<sup>6</sup> No objections to the report and recommendation were filed.

The Court has conducted a de novo review here and found no error; I agree that Plaintiff’s letter should be deemed as a voluntary dismissal and the case dismissed.

**AND NOW, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. Magistrate Judge Carlson’s Report and Recommendation (Doc. 57) is **ADOPTED** in full;
2. Plaintiff Rickey W. Jefferson 2<sup>nd</sup>’s Letter to the Court (Doc. 56) is deemed a motion to voluntarily dismiss the case, and the motion to voluntarily dismiss the case is **GRANTED**; and
3. The Clerk is directed to **CLOSE** this case.

BY THE COURT:

*s/ Matthew W. Brann*

Matthew W. Brann  
Chief United States District Judge

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<sup>5</sup> Letter to the Court re: dismissal of case from Rickey Jefferson, Doc. 56.

<sup>6</sup> Report and Recommendations, Doc. 57.